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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the referenced U.S. Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant urges that no fee is required for this Amendment. Should any fee be required, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 19-3550 for any such fee.

Request for Telephone Interview

Applicant urges that this Amendment is fully responsive to the pending Office Action and that the subject U.S. Patent Application is now in condition for allowance. Should any issue remain, Applicant urges the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 847.490.1400.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-18.

Amendments to the Claims

In an effort to expedite the allowance of the subject U.S. Patent Application, Applicant has canceled the rejected Claims 19 and 20.

Applicant has added no new subject matter by this Amendment.

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Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 102**The Oury Patent**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 19 and 20 based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Oury, U.S. Patent 4,846,580.

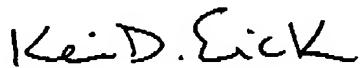
Applicant has canceled Claims 19 and 20. Applicant urges that this claim rejection is moot in view of the above Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this claim rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the above Amendment addresses and overcomes each and every issue and rejection raised by the Examiner and therefore places the subject U.S. Patent Application into condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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